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Spy Case Records Opened

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SAN FRANCISCO—U.S. District Judge Stanley Weigel on Thursday refused to block federal investigators from seeing an array of financial records of San Jose businessman William Bell Hugle, 58, named as "The Big Man" who set up the first meeting between Polish authorities and James Harper of Mountain View, who allegedly sold them vital defense secrets.

Weigel denied a motion by Hugle's attorneys, who had argued that the records went beyond the scope of the espionage investigation and that, in fact, Hugle was not aware of the nature of the probe.

"Mr. Hugle is believed to have been the initiating force in a series of meetings between James Harper, Hugle himself and a person who was a high-ranking officer with the Polish Intelligence Service," Assistant U.S. Atty. William Farmer responded.